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Darko PERVAN ) Group Art Unit: 3637  
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Application No.: 09/714,514 ) Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A  
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Filed: November 17, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5020  
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For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND )  
FLOORING BOARD )

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please add new claim 25-30 as follows.*

25. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cooperating  
upper abutment surfaces are at least partially displaced from the cooperating lower  
abutment surfaces in a displacing direction parallel to the principle plane of the floorboards.

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26. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion  
of the lower cooperating abutment surface is horizontally inward from the a vertical joint  
plane defined by a contacting portion of two juxtaposed upper portions of the floorboards, a

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are an Information Disclosure Statement with 4 references, a Request to Acknowledge Information Disclosure Statement, and a Letter.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	30	MINUS 24 =	6	× \$18.00 (1202) =	108.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					--
Total Amendment Fee					108.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					--
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$108.00</b>

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 108.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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